

## Introduction

As of June 30th, 2021, Governor Northam's executive order regarding Virginia's COVID Emergency Declaration as well Virginia House Bill 2333 expired. Since July 1, 2021 the PREP Act is still in effect providing guidance and requirements for current eligible vaccinators. These requirements impact numerous professionals and individuals, but it is noted that the PREP act is temporary. In light of that, this document seeks to address the current conditions below as well anticipate any futures changes.

## Purpose

The purpose of this Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) is to provide a succinct and centralized repository of answers for received inquiries pertaining to vaccinators requirements found in the PREP act and for beyond when the PREP Act expires.

## CPR REQUIREMENTS:

**Are new vaccinators that are joining the program required to have CPR training?**  
CPR certification applies to all vaccinators.

For additional questions or concerns, please contact your nurse manager.

**Does Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS) trump the requirement of a CPR Basic Life Support (BLS) certification? It appears most physicians believe so?**  
ACLS certification does trump the requirement for CPR BLS certification however, both certifications are acceptable.

For additional questions or concerns, please contact your nurse manager.

## Do doctors require CPR training to be vaccinators? If so, what are the guidelines?

No, physicians are typically the ordering provider and do not need to be CPR certified.

## Which CPR certification is allowed for VDH nursing staff?

The Vaccinator Training Plan states that any equivalent training offered "such as" the one provided by AHA is acceptable.

For additional questions or concerns, please contact your nurse manager.

***All vaccinators all must have CPR training unless they are specifically exempt individuals or personnel such as doctors - For additional questions or concerns, please contact your nurse manager.***

## ELIGIBLE VACCINATORS:

**Who currently are eligible as vaccinators under the PREP Act?**

- MD, DO
- PA
- Nurse Practitioner (under RN license)
- LPN
- Nursing Student (school verifies training & supervised onsite by someone who scope of practice is vaccination)
- Pharmacist
- Pharmacy intern (supervised under pharmacist)

- Pharmacy tech (supervised under pharmacist)
- EMS Providers
- Other VA students of Health Professionals (school verifies training & supervised onsite by someone who scope of practice is vaccination)
- Dentist
- Veterinarians

### **What levels of EMT are eligible to vaccinate?**

All 3 ALS certification levels are permitted to administer vaccines (EMT Advanced, EMT Intermediate, and EMT Paramedic) in Virginia.

The only carve out, as described in COV 32.1-46.02 is that Administration of influenza vaccine to minors remains limited to EMT Intermediate and EMT Paramedics only. Advanced EMT's are not permitted to give flu vaccines to minor children.

Please follow the [link](#) for additional guidance on Vaccine Administration by EMS providers in Virginia.

### **MALPRACTICE:**

**Does the Governor's executive order, which expired on June 30th, 2021, also removes protections against medical malpractice claims?**

No. It does not. Volunteers are covered both daily and in emergencies. There are some extra provisions because of emergency use authorization (EUA) and the PREP Act, but same state malpractice coverage remains the same.

However, this does not apply to individuals vaccinating under HB2333. That is not covered under the PREP Act.

### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:**

#### **Vaccinator Training-**

[VDH: Training and Preparation For Administering COVID-19 Vaccination – Emergency Preparedness \(virginia.gov\)](#)

[PREP Act –Emergency Declaration Act](#)

[COVID-Vaccine-Standing-Order.pdf \(virginia.gov\)](#)

[PREP Act](#)